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Thursday, May 31, 1883. JOH PULITZER, editor and proprietor of the New York World, reads, writes and

speaks five different languages. THE committee appointed by the Bellville Board of Trade seems to side with the Illinois coal miners. The recommendations made by the committee are what the miners are contending for, and it now rests with the mine owners whether labor shall have its rights and the laborer his full

THE story of the disaster at the Brooklyn Bridge is sickening and disenchanting. That thinking and presumably reasoning men and women should crowd each other into a death trap like a herd of buffaloes rushing over a precipice, is almost incom-prehensible; that it could happen at all takes away half the glory of the race.

In Cincinnati on the 28th instant the largest and most commodious tobacco ware-house in the United States was opened with great ceremony, Members of Congress and the Mayor of the city participating. On the same day a religious body of great influence in Pittsburg was adopting resolutions condemning the use of the weed, which "defiles man and makes him offen-sive to his neighbor." All of which goes to show that great men differ. THE New York Times gave a history of

the Halleck-Ottman case and the compro-mise effected through the Attorney-Gen eral, and then frantically asks, "Why did not the Government prosecute successfully? Why did the present Attorney-General allow this compromise to be made?'
And echo answers "Why?"

As the Times is in the confidence of Brewster, maybe it will find out. And then will it answer its own queries?

THERE is a Free Trade League in the State of Missouri, of which ex-Governor and ex-Congressman John S. Phelps is president. Governor Phelps has issued a call for a convention July next, at which time the country will probably be informed as to what is meant by free trade nowadays. There is no man in the United States who is more familiar with the subject than Governor Phelps. He was a Representative in Congress for eighteen years, eleven of which he was chairman of the Ways and

ONE of the curses and annoyances of this city has been the way in which the streets have been swept for several years past. The sweepers were put to work at the most annoying times and unseasonable hours, and even then the sweeping was not well done. All this will be remedied after the 1st day of July, at which time Colonel L. P. Wright, who did such satisfactory work heretofore, will take hold of the business It is a subject of general rejoicing that Colonel Wright has secured the contract for the next two years.

PROFESSOR GREENER'S advice to the colored people, in his Decoration day oration at Lynchburg, is sound, practical and ably uttered. Greener is an actual, responsible friend to his race, and boldly an-nounces the folly of sentimentality and theory. He advocates a practical view of the subject of the condition of the negro, and advises him in plain parlance to "hoe his own row;" to look to success in life in labor and not in polities, and by independently putting his shoulder to the wheel keep it in successful motion ..

THE Philadelphia Record says that " the public feels a repugnance to the conviction of anybody on the testimony of Rerdell, the chief witness for the Government, who has been most thoroughly discredited, and this repugnance must have penetrated the jury." And adds that "Colonel Ingersoll, in his effective speech for the defense, coffined and buried Rerdell, and it will be a hard thing for Mr. Merrick to resuscitate him. A conviction wrested from a jury upon inadequate proof of guilt would be a greater miscarriage of justice than a wrongful acquittal."

THE shocking disaster which occurred yesterday on the Brooklyn bridge has blotted with blood the fair favor in which the great structure was held, and is deci-dedly unfortunate for more reasons than one, occurring, as it did, at almost the initial trial with which the wonderful thoroughfare was tested. It will ever hang a a gloomy shadow over the structure, and leave a lingering prejudice—however un-reasonable—against it. The accident, as we judge from the telegraphic accounts, was due to the mad haste of the crowds and their violation of the rules of travel. It is a deplorable affair throughout, and one to be painfully regretted.

THE New York Tribune intimates that when the President returns to this city Senator Mahone may find his relations to the Administration changed. This may be regarded as the first official indication that the rumers of a corrupt bargain between the Halfbreeds and the President have a substratum of fact to rest upon. And if it is true, it portends no good to the g. o. p. The sole hope of the Republicans for success next year depends upon the Mahone movement in Virginia; that is to say, let it be crushed out and the South will be solidly Democratic in 1884. And if any Republican can see a glimmer

of a chance with a solid South against him, he is indeed a sanguine man.

All the talk about Senator Mahone and his methods, indulged in by the small-fry of the Halfrheed press, is pure and simple nonsense. Senator Mahone is doing simply and only what any other man who deserved the name would do to assure success. The gush of the Tribune and that class of irate journals over "violations of Civil-Service rules" is cant of the worst kind.

The Jury System.

A discussion growing out of some stric-tures upon trial by jury by Mr. Stickney in the November number of the Century Maga-sise is begun in the June number of that periodical. Mr. Stickney's assumption that the jury system is a failure is most vigor-outly combatted by several writers, all lawyers, it is presumed, but by none more vigorously or ably than by Mr. Andrew

Lipscomb, of this city. In summing up Mr. Lipseomb puts the whole argument for the jury system in this compact form :

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"The jury system is an educator of the people. The jury system is democratic; the bench of judges monarchical, One diffuses knowledges monarchical, One diffuses knowledges monarchical, One diffuses knowledges monarchical, One diffuses knowledges among the people; the other centralizes it. The jury chosen from the people, representing directly the people in the more alert to the rights of the people, its more alert to the rights of the people han a bench of judges, whose very position makes them independent of public opinion, and who are less immediately responsible to the people, its more alered in the people and the minimum in the government will never consent without a struggio to a jury of judges."

In another place Mr. Lipscomb justly mys:

rays:

"That justice is not always speedy is not the fault of juries. It is largely the fault of lary and incompetent judges, whose biunders force littigants to appealed courts. The number of cases appealed because the verdict is contrary to the evidence is extremely small. In comparison, the number appealed because of errors in law, chargeable to the presiding judge, is extremely large."

There is no indication that the discussion will be continued and the continued and t

sion will be continued, and the opponents of the jury system may not deem it wise to further agitate the question; but a discussion that would call forth the ideas and experience of the great lawyers of the country would be highly interesting and profit able reading.

Mr. Merrick's Threat.

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Phila, Record.

To the great relief of the public the Star-Route trials for a second time are drawing to their end. Mr. Merrick's speech, which will last a day or two more, will be followed by the charge of Judge Wylie, and the case will be in the hands of the jury, who will hardly consume much time in deliberation. The public has had enough, and more than enough of these trials, and, whether they result in conviction of the accused or not, almost everybody will be glad when they are over. But something which dropped from Mr. Merrick in his speech of Monday will be likely to cause missiving on this point. He said that if no verdict be reached, his connection with the case would probably close, but that he "would pass the gaunitet to the Government and assure the defense that they would be prosecuted as long as an ambaphere of purity surrounds this Administration." This remark does not indicate much confidence on the part of the prosecution that a verdict will be contained, and in such case Mr. Merrick wishes it to be understood that there will be itlli another crown to force a conviction. It is to be trusted that he had no official warrant from the Government for this declaration. The meaning that will be taken from this speech is that if the Government prosecutors cannot secure a verdict of guilty they will bring the accused to financial roin in the costs of defense in repeated trials. A great Government cannot afford to resort to this kind of oppression. If a second trial is not devented in failure, a likely would wear the appearance of persecution instead of prosecution.

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Southern Bomesticity and Humor.

Judge Tourgee in the Continent.

There are two phases of Southern life, which are but little appreciated at the North: its domesticity and its humor. The conventional planter of the anie-bellm ora was a carcless, loastful, sweggering tyrant; his wife and daughters equally carcless in regard to the home-life, its comforts and economies, as he of the administration of his boundless acros. Both ideas were almost equally incorrect. The Southern planter, as a rule, was a carcful administrator of his estate; not in the same saugh and tidy manner of which the Northern farmer boaste—he did hot work and fuse and worry over all the details of farm management as much as his compere of the Middle States into an insane asylum. There was a sort of laxily about his methods which was hard for the Northern man to distinguish from slothfulmess. Yet he watched with care the development of the cross, the progress of the work, and was no doubt a better director of labor than could generally be found upon the Northern farm. Will ignorant labor and crude machinery he achieved good results. It is especially with regard to the domestic law the machinery he achieved good results. It is especially with regard to the domestic law the machinery he achieved good results. It is especially with regard to the domestic law and the Northern farm. Will ignorant labor and crude machinery he achieved good results. It is especially with regard to the domestic law the surface of the progress kind, but a very manil proposition of the people of the North have ever supposed the Northern and the Bouthern homes of the latter. Bo, too, the surfy-burly of our Northern life, its sharp competition and the constant influx of the outside world area encountered to the conformation of the latter. Bo, too, the surfy-burly of our Northern life, its sharp competition and

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Abandoned Southern Property.

Wash. Cor. Balt. Sun.
The Court of Claims has at last cleared its docket of the final case brought before that The Court of Claims has at last cleared its docket of the final case brought before that tribunal under the provisions of the act of March, 1863, relative to captured and abandondoned property in the Southern States. Almost all the property which was selzed by the Government agents, and to which this act applies, was cotton. From the official records the Court has prepared some interesting statistics on the subject. The whole amount of proceeds of the captured and abandoned property was \$31,722,369, of which \$3,551,000, or more than 20 per cent, was absorbed in the cost of collecting and sale. Of this amount probably one-half at least found its way into the private pockets of the patriots who swarmed in those days in the guise of "special agents," etc., and who seized property right and loft without any regard for the legality of their proceedings. \$2,550,675 were paid to claimants by the Treasury Department during the incumbency of Secretaries Chiase, Fessenden and McOllioch, and \$64,557 were paid on judgments against Treasury agents. One thousand, seven hundred and seventy-eight cases were riled in the Court of Claims in behalf of claimants to this property, aggregating in amount \$77,780,062. This was perhaps not an exaggerated estimate of the value of the remainder. Of the cases brought the Court of Claims decided 1,000 adversely and 512 in lavor of the claimanns, and entered judgments to the amount of 9,833,432. The persons from whom this property was taken thus recovered only about \$13,000,000 of the remainder. Of the cases brought the Court of Claims decided 1,000 adversely and 512 in lavor of the claimanns, and entered judgments to the amount of 9,833,432. The persons from whom this property was taken thus recovered only about \$13,000,000 of the smount. The balance of the fund now in the Treasury amounts to \$10,512,007, and this will remain as the property of the United States, and the account, which has been kept open for twenty years, will now be clos

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Sleeves of dresses and wraps are worn ex-ceedingly high, and full on the shoulder. The Chinese driving cloak with sabot sleeves has taken the place this season of the French redingote,

Silk jerseys, gloves in strawberry red, pale yellow, nun's gray and black will be more in vogue this summer than kid gloves of any sort.

In French importations of costumes the polonaise reappears once and again in varied forms and with endless styles of drapery and

Burnished gold, mandarin yellow and creamy shade of raw silk are the tints in yellow more favored this season than that of old gold or copper color, so fashionable last year, while sage green has given away to a peculiar leaden green known as prophyry, and cadet blue is replaced by memophilac—the color of that nower.

that flower.

Handsome tollets of strawberry-colored ofteman silk are shown, with deep flounces edged with white cross-way bands of darkest plum-colored velvet, the flounces being put on with several rows of drooping puffs. The back draping is a Liending of two materials; the sides have panels of the velvet and the graceful Babet coatopens over an embroidered waistcoat, also of velvet.

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walstoost, also of velvet.

The newest red parasols are trimmed with feelle lace, the lace being put on each gore in fan fashion. Many of the satia parasols have flower-brocaded linings, with lace arranged on the outside, to be carried with Watteau contimes. Others are of chine silk or broche, edged with marabout. There will upobably be more novalites presented before the senson is ever, but the flat Japanesshaped sunshade has quite disappeared from good society, and is only carried ever the head of the maiden from some sequestered district who, triumphant in the mitigated glories of a fresh color, a brand-new gown of the irgest, gayest plaid procurable, has come to the city, perhaps intending to take the town by storm.

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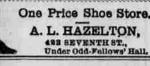
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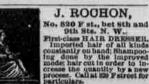
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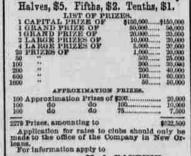
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